

ated to some particular use. One is set apart for the reception of their stores, which consist of all sorts of fruits, according to the season, but particularly nuts and ears of corn. These last are laid up in heaps, and will keep longer than any other articles of their provisions. Other apartments are appropriated to the service of the family, and furnished with little beds of wool and cow-hair. At the extremity of the lodge-ment there is one general magazine that supplies the whole, and on which they feed, when the weather will not permit them to stir out of their habitations. Can human creatures, my dears, behave with more prudence?

Have you, my dears, ever seen a hedge-hog? I know you have got a picture of a porcupine, between whom and the hedge-hog there is a perfect resemblance, and they both have their respective magazines. The porcupine is covered all over with large pointed quills, some white

white, and some black. When he is attacked, he bends his head and paws under him, rolls himself up in a globular form, and erects his prickles of quills in such a manner, that dogs, and other animals, are often obliged to decline the combat.

The hedge-hog makes another advantage of his pointed quills. He rolls himself over apples, grapes, or any other fruits he can find, under the trees, and conveys them away on the sharp points. He eats, as soon as possible, what takes up too great a part of his store-room, and makes a reserve of nuts to serve him till the close of the summer. As to the winter, he makes no provision for it, as he indulges himself in sleep during the greater part of that uncomfortable season.

Did not you observe that pretty little bee fly by us? How he was loaded! Well, I will give you some account of these bees, and it will be well worth both your attentions.

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